Augmentation of the open sewerage drain at Nivedita Kunj, Delhi.

3607. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Urban Art Commission and/or its Task Force on NDMC have considered proposal for refurbishment/augmentation of the open sewerage drain (nallah) passing along the housing colony at Nivedita Kunj, Sector 10, Ramakrishna Puram, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether complaints were lodged especially by the residents of the nearby areas about the nallah becoming health hazard due to dumping/ piling up of garbage therein;

(d) whether it is a fact that although CPWD earmarked certain funds for construction of a link road by covering the nallah, the project remained unimplemented; and

(e) if so, by when its implementation is contemplated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) Some residents have complained about the nallah becoming a health hazard. Government sanction was given in 2004-05 to cover 405 metre length of the open nallah passing along boundary of Nivedita Kunj.

Central Public works Department is to execute the work, once unauthorized construction is removed by Municipal Corporation of Delhi.

Mass Transport System

3608. MS PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the PM has asked the State Governments to evolve their own technically and economically feasible solution for mass transport system in their major cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Central Government propose to provide financial help especially to the cash-strapped backward States such as Orissa for execution of these projects; and

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) The National Urban Transport Policy encourages all proven technologies to be appropriately evaluated in determining the appropriate solution for a mass transport system in any city. This should take into account the advantages and disadvantages of the available technologies and their suitability to different local situations.

(c) and (d) The National Urban Transport Policy offers Central Government's support by way of 50% of the cost of preparing comprehensive city transport plans and detailed project reports as well as equity participation and/or Viability Gap funding to the extent of 20% of the capital cost of public transport systems.

Urban transport policy

3609. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any urban transport policy has been formulated;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is proposed to provide financial assistance for transport facility in 63 cities;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKAN): (a) and (b) A National Urban Transport Policy (NUTP) has been approved by the Government in April, 2006. It, *inter alia*, seeks to promote integrated land use and transport planning, greater use of public transport and non-motorized modes of travel as well as use of cleaner technologies. It offers Central